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made the following remarks about the Voice of America, based on conversations with various Czech acquaintances:

- BBC broadcasts are actually more popular than the Voice, primarily because the recertion is better.
- The types of broadcast most desired are:
  - Prognoses, such as those provided by Prof. SiLIS, over the Beromunster facilities from Switzerland.
  - Serious reports about the USSR or the Communist Party of the type not allowed in Communist dominated countries.
  - c. Reports that the world is not deceived by official Soviet or Communist press releases.
  - d. Speeches by important foreigners, such as Churchill who is greatly revered in Czechoslovakia. Although he would speak in English, it would have great meaning for peorle behind the iron curtain. His speeches should, of course, be followed by Czech translations. Another person in this category is Sir Robert Bruce LOCKHALT, great friend of Jan Masaryk, and one of the Czech favorites. Prominent escarees, such as HEIDRICH, are also desired.

- e. Foreign news which attacks the prestige of the USSR and her satellites.
- f. Hems of resistance to Communist advances in Europe, particularly Tito vs. Cominform, and the combatting of Communist efforts in Greece and China. Activity of subversive Communist elements in France and Italy and how these activities are being countered.
- g. News from Berlin organizing not the daily tonnage being hauled but the neasure of the blow being dealt Soviet aims by the success of the Western air lift.

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On the critical side, the Czechs have little interest in American and British domestic events. They feel there are too many long-winded speeches on subjects which have nothing to do with Czechoslovakia or the great problem faced by the people of satellite countries. In short, they hunger for assurances from America and England that the plicht of the Czech people is understood and that they have not been forgotten.

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